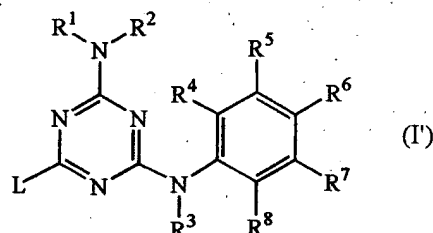


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula

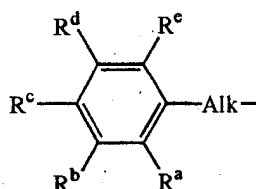


a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

- R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from hydrogen; hydroxy; amino; C_{1-6} alkyl; C_{1-6} alkyloxy; C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl; Ar^1 ; mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino; mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)aminocarbonyl; dihydro-2(3*H*)-furanone; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from amino, imino, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylamino, hydroxy, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, carboxyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl and thienyl; or
- R^1 and R^2 taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkylidene;
- R^3 is one of hydrogen, Ar^1 , C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, and C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl; and
- R^4 , R^5 , R^7 and R^8 are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethyloxy ;
- R^6 is aminocarbonyl;
- L is one of C_{1-10} alkyl; C_{3-10} alkenyl; C_{3-10} alkynyl; and C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; or
- L is C_{1-10} alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; indolyl or indolyl substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl; and phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl; and,

Ar¹ is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, nitro or trifluoromethyl.

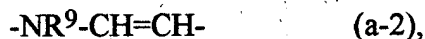
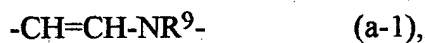
2. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; or R¹ and R² taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl or morpholinyl; R³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or Ar¹; and Ar¹ is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, nitro or trifluoromethyl; and L is a radical of formula



wherein Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

R^a, R^b, R^c, R^d, R^e, R⁴, R⁵, R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethyloxy; or

R^a and R^b taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula



wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl.

3. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein L is C₃₋₁₀alkenyl or C₁₋₂alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; indolyl or indolyl substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl.

4. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 3 wherein L is 2,6-dichlorophenylmethyl.

5. (Canceled)

6. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 4 wherein NR^1R^2 is other than amino.

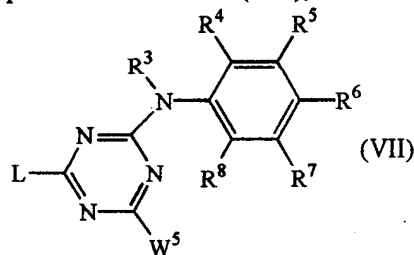
7-10. (Canceled)

11. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically active amount of a compound as claimed claim 1.

12.- 17. (Canceled)

18. (previously presented) A method of treating a subject suffering from HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.

19. (currently amended) A compound of formula (VII),



wherein

~~R¹ and R² are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar¹, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl, dihydro-2(3H)-furanone, C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from amino, imino, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylamino, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, carboxyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl and thienyl; or~~

~~R¹ and R² taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylidene;~~

R³ is one of hydrogen, Ar¹, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, and C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; and

R⁴, R⁵, R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethyloxy ;

R⁶ is aminocarbonyl;

W⁵ is halo;

L is one of C₁₋₁₀alkyl; C₃₋₁₀alkenyl; C₃₋₁₀alkynyl; and C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; or

L is C₁₋₁₀alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; indolyl or indolyl substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; and phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; and, Ar¹ is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, nitro or trifluoromethyl.